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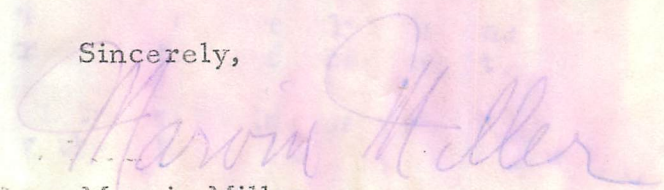
June 21, 1966

Mr. Joseph P. Hehn
915 North Seventh Street
Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042

Dear Mr. Hehn:

Although I am a member of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters, I still receive copies of The Broadcast Pioneer, even though our organizations have separated. In the last issue, I saw an interesting article by you, and a solicitation for information on old radio serials. I was in Chicago radio -- and extremely active in the field -- between April, 1939 and May, 1944, and during those five years appeared at least once or twice on every serial emanating from the Windy City. I created the role of Gil Whitney in "The Romance of Helen Trent", and played it for five years, until I left Chicago for the West Coast; shortly after that the program moved to New York, and the role was played thenceforth by David Gothard. I am sure you remember that he was Helen's perennial suitor, although they never actually got around to marrying! I have many scripts of this old series, and a recording or two, which I could easily dub on to tape if you are interested. I also have scripts of at least a few of the early kid serials emanating from Chicago in those years, although I am afraid I don't have any tapes. The two I think of immediately are "Jack Armstrong" and "Captain Midnight". One of my first jobs in Chicago in 1939 was playing a role on "Little Orphan Annie"! I am afraid I don't have a copy of that script, however. If scripts will do you any good, I will be happy to send you as many as you would like; on the other hand, if you are interested in tapes of any of the other daytime serials, I shall scrounge around and see what I can find. I certainly have not left the field, as you are doubtless aware, having starred for six years in the very popular TV serial, "The Millionaire", and I am now extremely active as a commercial announcer and narrator. But my heart goes out to anyone who wishes to recapture the nostalgia of those great radio days -- and I should like to offer my help, if you can use it!

Sincerely,


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June 27, 1966

Mr. Marvin Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller:

My heartfelt thanks for your gracious and generous offer of assistance.

While never an ardent devotee of TV from its inception, I happily do confess to viewing many an episode of THE MILLIONAIRE and thoroughly enjoying them.

I know that I listened faithfully to many of the radio serials on which you appeared. Certainly THE ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT ranks as one of the most popular daytime serials ever produced. For 31 months I have been searching for tapes of the daytime women and children's serials. To hear some of these shows again would be a memorable occasion.


Most of my present effort is directed toward researching the Junior MAT (Mystery-Adventure-Thriller) Serials like JACK ARMSTRONG, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT, ORPHAN ANNIE, etc. I am sure that you realize far better than I how formidable a task this is. Believe me, scripts in any number would be most welcome. Every single one will be returned and in the same condition that it was received. I request only that you allow me sufficient time to study them and take notes.

My cooperation is not limited exclusively to the Broadcast Pioneers. I have heard fine comments about the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters, and have several excellent friends, who are broadcasting pioneers, on the Coast. If I knew whom to contact, I would be delighted to cooperate with the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters in any way that my time and circumstances permitted.

I deeply appreciate your interest.

Kind regards, and continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,


Joe Hehn

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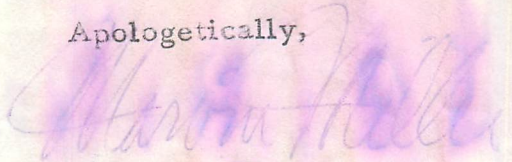
September 17, 1966

Mr. Joseph P. Hehn
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Dear Mr. Hehn:

Please forgive me for the great delay in answering your kind letter of June 27, which you sent me in reply to my offer of scripts and/or tapes of old soap operas and children's programs. At the time I wrote my original letter, it looked like a rather dull summer, and I foresaw plenty of time to dig out the old scripts and dub tapes from the few available acetates I have of some of the old shows. No sooner did I receive your reply, however, than the situation abruptly reversed itself! Since July, I have been continually on the run -- recording voices on new commercials, narrating fall TV programs, and actually appearing across the country in several theatrical performances. I have just returned from Indianapolis, where I played in "Affairs of State", and am leaving tomorrow for a four-week stint in Chicago, where I will be co-starring with Robert Q. Lewis in "Catch Me If You Can". As soon as I return in mid-October, I will do my best to carry out the promise I originally made this summer, and which you very enthusiastically accepted. I am sorry for the delay, but I am sure you will understand.

Apologetically,


Marvin Miller

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